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De La Salle Institute is an independent Catholic secondary school rooted in the tradition of Christian education begun by St. John Baptist De La Salle. Founded in 1889, its mission has been, and is, to foster a desire for excellence in education. Young people from a variety of ethnic and economic backgrounds are given the opportunity to fully develop their abilities so they may be active, contributing members of our complex, changing society.

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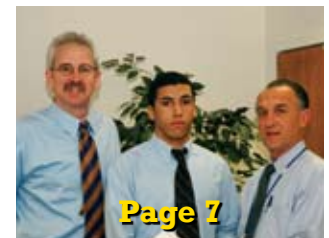
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Dear Friends:

Recently, I attended the National Honor Society Induction and Honors Convocation held in the Parmer Activity Center. The evening began with "The Star Spangled Banner," played beautifully by the De La Salle Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Larry Pawlowski. Sr. Josita Krzeminski, our Lourdes Hall Campus Minister, followed with her opening prayer.

"We do not always realize the effect and impact that people have upon us in our everyday lives," Sister said, "until we have a time and a place to remember, honor, and thank them." At that point and almost as if it were pre-planned, Sister was interrupted by the sound of fireworks from the scoreboard at U.S. Cellular Field, just a few blocks west of the Institute Campus.

At the same time we had gathered to honor nearly 700 students for their academic achievements, 16,499 fans had gathered at U.S. Cellular Field to witness a contest between the Chicago White Sox and the Minnesota Twins. Anxious fans would await future scoreboard eruptions signifying Sox home runs. Seated on a stage in the Parmer Activity Center, however, I would witness something more powerful than momentary fireworks.

As I listened to NHS members speak about Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character, I was reminded of the many and varied student accomplishments I have seen over the past several months, and it occurred to me that if De La Salle Institute owned such a scoreboard, it would never be silent.

This year, 21 students were named Illinois State Scholars, and 40 new members were inducted into the Brother J. Richard Rush Chapter of the National Honor Society. Throughout the year, our students have assisted those less fortunate through their generous contributions and dedication to Locks for Love, the St. Baldrick's Foundation, Santa's Helpers Crusade, blood drives, weekly mission collections, Special Olympics Day, a service trip to Appalachia, Autism Speaks, and many other charitable initiatives.

On the playing field, De La Salle student-athletes realized victories in boys and girls sports at all levels, seizing team and individual titles and awards, bringing public attention and accolades to the school. In addition, through their involvement in student government, fine arts programs, clubs and activities, Meteors have organized and participated in dances; poetry, essay, and art contests; theatrical and musical performances; spiritual gatherings; pep assemblies; fundraising drives; community service projects; intramural competitions; and other events while, at the same time, maintaining academic excellence in their formal studies.

Next year, many of our graduates will attend prestigious universities throughout the country including Stanford, Yale, Cornell, Colgate, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Boston University, and the University of Chicago.

The night of the NHS induction ceremony, many fans left the "Cell" disappointed by a 12-5 White Sox defeat for which they had collectively paid \$300,000+ in admissions and thousands more in concessions. Yet, the scoreboard sounded no more than once throughout the game.

The Meteors, on the other hand, have been hitting home runs all year long. Within this magazine, you will find additional examples of Meteor pride and achievement. Perhaps you were present for some of the events. Others may trigger memories of your own or a loved one's experiences as a student of the Institute. In any case, please remember that the success of our programs is dependent upon your generous financial support, and we appreciate your continued dedication to De La Salle Institute, the best game in town since 1889.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sister Josita Krzeminski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kamaal Khazen's Journey to DLS

Kamaal Khazen, De La Salle's Dean of Applied Sciences and Technology, has been providing instruction and knowledge to students at the Institute since 1966, making him the longest-tenured faculty member at De La Salle.

The following is a piece about Khazen authored by Chicago writer and De La Salle graduate John E. Aranza '57.

We know Kamaal Khazen as one of the most respected and tenured instructors at De La Salle, as well as the Dean of Applied Sciences and Technology. Students nod to him knowingly in the halls. You've seen him at banquets and at basketball games. He wears a "D" scarf in the winter that



can be seen proudly worn through an open coat.

What we seldom know is what is behind a name or a title. How does one become who one is?

Aside from a slight accent—if you're even aware of it—nothing hints at Khazen's storied life that began in an ancient land a world away from ours.

Khazen was born in Haifa, still called Palestine, before World War II. His home was a reflection of the myriad-cultured country surrounding it. He can speak, read and write in Hebrew and French besides Arabic and English. Four languages were necessary in the land into which he was born.

Both parents were Christian Arabs. His mother was from Nazareth and of the Greek Catholic Faith that followed the leadership of Rome. His father was from Bena, also in Galilee, but of the Greek Orthodox Faith. An Arab was considered anyone who spoke Arabic in the countries of Northern Africa from Algeria to Egypt through Saudi Arabia and in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq.

Khazen was baptized in the Orthodoxy, received Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Faith and was later married in the Latin Rite once he settled in America.

After providing information about his religious background, Khazen was asked how Christian families co-existed in a mostly Moslem world.

"Small towns were all around, about a mile apart," Khazen said. "Bena (with a population of 500) where my father was born was half-Christian and half-Moslem.

"Our neighbors were Moslem. There was a mosque next to my home. People respected each other. They knew the Bible and about Catholicism, as well as they knew the Koran. We never experienced any animosity towards Christians."

During the Arab-Israeli War of 1948, Khazen's home and possessions in Haifa were confiscated and his family lived in his grandfather's home in Bena, after returning from hiding in the hills beyond the village. *(continued on page 5)*



Getting to Know Sr. Ann Mary

The year 1958 holds special significance for a variety of reasons. Not only was Dwight D. Eisenhower the President of the United States, but it also was the same year that the price of first-class postage stamps was raised to four cents apiece and Elvis Presley was inducted into the U.S. Army.

It was also the year that Sr. Ann Mary Wundrach became a member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph—Third Order of Saint Francis.

Since then, Sr. Ann Mary has spent nine years teaching English, as well as grade school. She also did vocation work, was a recruiter for Lourdes High School for 12 years and also worked in the admissions and business offices at Lourdes, spending 25 years at the high school.

Sr. Ann Mary, a member of Lourdes' Class of 1957, has been at De La Salle's Lourdes Hall Campus since its opening in 2002 and works in the Dean's Office at Lourdes Hall as an assistant. Sr. Ann Mary holds a Bachelor of Science degree in English from Loyola University.

Here's an opportunity to get to know Sr. Ann Mary as she celebrates her golden anniversary as a member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph—Third Order of Saint Francis:

1. Why did you want to go into education?

I was blessed with wonderful parents and I had a Catholic education all the way through. It was very formative for me. The teachers were good instructors and good role models. I wanted to teach because of what they did and how they cared about the students. I enjoyed my four years (as a student) at Lourdes and that made me want to go into education.

I had a great example set by the teachers and I always played school when I was a little girl. I thought that this was an honorable profession.

2. What are the rewards derived from teaching?

It's an opportunity to experience growth. I taught one year of first grade and that was an outstanding experience. On the whole, this is an exciting profession because you experience growth. Some young ladies who can't find their locker on the first day of school grow and mature and become leaders of the school.

3. Who are/were some of the primary influences in your life?

I'd say my parents, my sister and my friends. My parents had a

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In Memory of Brother Eamon Gavin

Whether it was attending a De La Salle athletic event or providing those whose paths he crossed with information as to which saint was celebrating his/her feast day, Br. Eamon Gavin was a unique, kind-hearted man.



On March 11, 2008, Br. Eamon, a member of De La Salle's Class of 1942, passed away at the age of 83. Br. Eamon's wake and funeral Mass were held at St. James Parish with a celebration of his life taking place at the Institute Campus.

Br. Eamon served three stints at De La Salle (1970-80, 1983-84 and 1990-2007). He also taught at 12 other institutions of higher learning in six states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Tennessee).

On August 3, 2002, Br. Eamon was lauded for his 60 years of service as a Christian Brother during a ceremony in Romeoville, IL.

"You have to meditate on something like that and what it means to you," Br. Eamon said at the time about his six decades as a Christian Brother. "There have been many fine times and there

have been many emotional moments. Since you're in a family, you have goodness day in and day out and that makes you feel very, very good.

"Along the journey, along the boulevard, you meet so many outstanding people and you see all of their outstanding thoughts and outstanding deeds in your life."

A lifelong interest in sports enabled Br. Eamon to be enshrined in the Hall of Fame at Christian Brothers College in Memphis (1981); the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame (1984); the De La Salle Institute Hall of Fame (2000) and the Illinois High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2001). Br. Eamon also received an honor key from De La Salle in 1998.

In addition, Br. Eamon was presented the Chicago Catholic League's Man of the Year Award for his contributions to the Catholic League at the 45th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner in 2005.

Br. Eamon's final accolade came in 2007 as he was feted by the Illinois Athletic Directors Association as one of its Class AA "Friends of Athletics" State Award recipients.

Eternal rest grant unto Br. Eamon, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Colleen Sanchez Is Published

Whether teaching chemistry, anatomy and physiology or Honors chemistry at De La Salle's Lourdes Hall Campus, Colleen Sanchez—who is in her second year of teaching at the Institute—is an expert in the field of science.



In fact, Sanchez's knowledge is so extensive that she collaborated with four other scientists on "Leaf Degradation, Macroinvertebrate Shredders & Energy Flow in Streams: A Laboratory-Based Exercise Examining Ecosystem Processes."

Along with Sanchez, DePaul University's Timothy Sparkes, Joanna Brooke and Jennifer Talkington and Kelly High School biology teacher Lisa Volesky co-authored the piece that is featured in the February 2008 issue of *The American Biology Teacher* magazine.

The purpose of the project was "to present a laboratory-based exercise that demonstrates the relationship between leaf conditioning and the feeding activity of invertebrate shredders. Specifically, students test the hypothesis that leaf conditioning influences the amount of leaf material consumed by invertebrate shredders (stream isopods or amphipods)."

Congratulations to Sanchez and her colleagues on their success!

Kamaal Khazen (continued from page 4)

Khazen came to America on a student visa as a Fulbright scholar at Loyola University. And because of his scholastics, the president of the university extended it to a full four years. Khazen started teaching summer school at De La Salle and then earned a Master's Degree in Math from DePaul University.

Between then and now, he married Judi Molisius of Bridgeport, and they raised sons who graduated from De La Salle and then attended prestigious colleges such as Harvard, the University of Chicago and Washington University in St. Louis.

Considering the troubled Middle East of today, I could not help but ask Khazen his opinion of the situation.

"There is a saying in the Middle East that if a foreign journalist visits the place and stays one week, they can write a book and offer a solution," Khazen said. "If they stay one month, they could write an article with 'ifs' and 'buts' and 'on the other hands.' If they stay for more than a month, they write nothing because of the complexity of the situation."

Visualize a Gregory Peck. A man with a reasoned presence and a persona solid in manner and speech.

I sensed that the wisdom of a centuries-old race was speaking across from me during my conversation with Khazen. First shaped by Nomadic tribes who learned to live with harsh realities in the desert sands of Arabia.

Fortunately, he is one of our De La Salle instructors.

This is Kamaal Khazen.

Girls Volleyball Wins IHSA Award

Not only do the young women on De La Salle's varsity volleyball team succeed on the court, they also thrive in the classroom.

As a result of their exemplary academic success, the Meteors were honored by the Illinois High School Association with an IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award. During the 2007-08 season, the 15 young women on the Meteors' roster achieved a 3.36 cumulative team grade-point average.

De La Salle received a plaque commemorating the volleyball team's impressive achievement and information about the award also is posted on the IHSA's website at www.ihsa.org.

Senior Marissa De Hoyos leads the way and is ranked No. 1 in the 89-member Class of 2008 with a 4.950 GPA. Corinne Coates and Jacqueline Martinez have 4.850 GPAs and are ranked No. 3. Erin Boulanger is eighth with a 4.725 GPA, while Briana Steffenhagen is 10th with a 4.650 GPA. Jessica Fann has a 3.987 GPA and is 19th, while Jamie Young has a 3.224 GPA and is 36th.

In the junior class at Lourdes Hall, Jillian Vilimas is ranked No. 1 with a 4.929 GPA, while Jenna Kordelewski is No. 38 with a 3.093 GPA.

Megan Koester maintains a 4.188 GPA and is ranked No. 6 in the 122-member sophomore class at the Lourdes Hall Campus, while Lauren Madia is No. 8 with a 4.125 GPA.



Front: Ginger, Drechney, Boulanger, Fann, Madia, Vilimas, Steffenhagen. Back: Coates, Hermle, Koester, Maroney, De Hoyos, Martinez. Absent: Kordelewski, Young.

Also contributing to the success of De La Salle's volleyball team were Taylor Drechney, Samantha Ginger, Amy Hermle and Meaghan Maroney.

Congratulations, Meteors!

James Muehleman Receives IHSA Accolade



L to R: De La Salle athletic director Tom White, Muehleman and De La Salle - Institute Campus Principal Jim Krygier

James Muehleman has been lauded by the Illinois High School Association as he received honorable mention status on the IHSA's 2007-08 All-State Academic Team. For inclusion, a student must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.50, must have participated in at least two IHSA-sponsored events and must have demonstrated outstanding citizenship during his/her high school career.

Muehleman, a member of De La Salle's Class of 2008, ranks No. 24 in the 187-member class with a 4.100 GPA and is a member of the Honors Program. He has participated in football, track and field and wrestling, while also holding membership in the City of De La Salle and the National Honor Society.

Muehleman is the son of Rhonda and Fred Muehleman. Fred Muehleman is a former De La Salle faculty member and academic dean and currently serves as the principal at Driscoll Catholic High School in Addison, IL.

De La Salle congratulates the Muehleman family on this prestigious award.

Meteors Raise Money for St. Baldrick's

For the second consecutive year, the City of De La Salle held an assembly in an effort to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which is the world's largest volunteer-driven fundraising event for childhood cancer research. Across the country, thousands of volunteers shaved their heads in solidarity of children with cancer, while requesting donations of support from friends and family.

Over 81 students, alumni and staff of De La Salle had their heads shaved with \$23,300 raised in donations for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Among the top fundraisers were alumna Laura Barbaro, who brought in \$1,580 and students Jeremy Wiseman (\$1,400) and James Casselberry (\$1,015). De La Salle would like to thank everyone who participated in this most worthwhile endeavor.

Organizing the St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser at De La Salle was faculty member Tom Duffy.

"Meteors are good and generous people," Duffy said. "The students were asked to fill a need, and in typical, traditional fashion, they responded in a big way. They are already talking about how to make next year's event bigger and better."



Meteors Offer Their Help

Ten Lasallian Youth students and four adult moderators spent this year's spring break in Jonesville, VA participating in the Appalachia Service Project (www.asphome.org). ASP is an organization that works to repair homes in the impoverished areas of Appalachia in order to make them "warmer, safer, and drier."

The participants spent the week siding a house, preparing a bathroom floor for linoleum and a hallway for carpet, and building support structures for an addition of a trailer home. Students and adults alike became quickly familiar with hammering, sawing, and pouring concrete, but perhaps the best part was getting to know the families that they were serving.



"We had an amazing time," said Emily Vogel, the Campus Minister at the Institute Campus. "I was extremely proud of our Meteors and all their hard work and willingness to really sink their hearts into this experience."

Freshman Elena McHugh commented in a journal entry: "This was a trip that I will never forget and I will carry with me when I get back home. I will most definitely want to do this again and help out a family that needs it and to give me a chance to think about others and how they live a little differently."

In addition to McHugh, other students who participated were Danny Alonso, Erin Boulanger, Eric Hetland, Gabriel Munoz, Michelle Plant, Valeria Ramirez, Ana Ruiz, Dmitri Snyder and Samantha Valdez. De La Salle faculty volunteers were Bethany Costello-Stebelton, Justin Costello-Stebelton, Grant Gholson and Vogel.



Senior Service Day

Faith, service and community are three of the concepts upon which De La Salle is built. As part of Catholic Schools Week, members of the Classes of 2008 at De La Salle's Lourdes Hall and Institute Campuses participated in Senior Service Day in which they visited various churches, schools and community centers.

While there, the Meteors read stories, shoveled snow and provided insight and assistance to those in need, while also participating in a variety of other activities.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of the entities that welcomed our students and for providing them with essential educational experiences.



A Mooving Experience for Zapata

The fruits of Mercedes Zapata's creativity weren't confined to one place this spring.

From the art room at De La Salle's Lourdes Hall Campus to the hallway near the Dean's office to one of the main aisles in front of the dairy products at the Dominick's grocery store on Archer and Ashland, an abundance of people were provided the opportunity to see how talented the sophomore is.

Zapata, who maintains a 3.688 grade-point average and is ranked No. 17 in the 122-member Class of 2010 at the Lourdes Hall Campus, is quite a talented artist. That gift was recognized by her art teacher, Paul Granat '92, who encouraged her to enter the 3rd Annual Lucerne the Art of Dairy Art Contest.

Lucerne provided a 5x8x3 ceramic cow for Zapata to paint. She came up with the title of 'The First Moovoon Landing...Say Cheese' for her project. As a result of her painting proficiency, Zapata was selected as a Finalist for Region G in the Lucerne contest. Zapata also had her skillfully painted cow displayed at Dominick's.

Congratulations to Zapata and Granat on a job well done!



Heerey Foundation Provides Tuition Assistance to De La Salle Families

De La Salle Institute received a grant of \$200,000 from the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation to provide tuition assistance to families with multiple children attending De La Salle during the 2007-2008 academic year. Thirty-seven families were awarded scholarships of \$5,000 each. We are truly grateful to the Heerey Foundation for its generosity and investment in our students. We look forward to continuing a meaningful partnership with the Foundation in our third century of educating the young men and women of Chicago. With dedicated friends such as The Bernard Heerey Family Foundation, we can continue in our work to make De La Salle Institute the place where great futures begin.



17th Annual D-Final Event a Success



On April 7, 2008, approximately 500 alumni and friends of De La Salle attended the 17th Annual D-Final Event in the Parmer Activity Center. Over \$50,000 was raised to benefit the students of De La Salle. Thank you to everyone who supported the D-Final Event. The 18th Annual D-Final Event will take place on April 6, 2009.

See you next year!





By placing fourth in the 2008 Illinois High School Association Tournament held at the University of Illinois' Assembly Hall in Urbana-Champaign, junior Clayton Kendall became the 10th wrestler in De La Salle history (and the first since 2004) to earn a medal.

Kendall, who competed at 171 pounds, recorded three wins downstate and concluded his season with a record of 35-9. Fellow junior Curtis Blaydes finished his season with a mark of 24-10 at 285 and posted one victory downstate. Sophomore Jacob Bugajski competed at 119 and ended his season with 20 wins in 35 matches. Coaching the varsity wrestling team is Dale Burke '00.

As for the Meteor bowling team, it also enjoyed a successful postseason, making its fifth consecutive appearance in the IHSA state finals. The Meteors finished 22nd as a team with a total pinfall of 5,742. Individually,



Boys Baseball 2008

May 17	at Reavis	11:00 a.m.	DH
May 22	OPRF Regional Semis vs. Morton	4:00 p.m.	
May 24	OPRF Regional Final	4:00 p.m.	
May 29	Mt. Carmel Sectional Semis	4:30 p.m.	
May 31	Mt. Carmel Sectional Final	11:00 a.m.	
Jun 2	Crestwood Supersectional	7:30 p.m.	
Jun 6	State Finals (Silver Cross Field, Joliet)	TBA	
Jun 7	State Finals (Silver Cross Field, Joliet)	TBA	

Girls Varsity Softball 2008

May 21	IHSA Class 4A St. Ignatius Regional Semis vs. St. Ignatius	4:15 p.m.	
May 24	IHSA Class 4A St. Ignatius Regional Final	TBA	10 a.m.
May 29	IHSA Class 4A Morton Sectional Semis	TBA	4:30 p.m.
May 31	IHSA Class 4A Morton Sectional Final	TBA	10 a.m.
Jun 2	IHSA Class 4A Supersectional	TBA	
Jun 6 & 7	IHSA Class 4A State Finals at EastSide Centre, East Peoria	TBA	

junior Matt Cortese placed 65th, averaging 200.1 over 12 games.

Other team members were seniors Alexander Garcia and Richard Kaczynski and sophomores Richard Barnotes, Mike Ginger and Gary Young. Ray Garcia served as the Meteors' head coach.

In girls basketball, a pair of Meteors earned places on the 2008 All-Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Blue Team.

Feted for their success were sophomore guards Justina Baker and Angel Brooks. Baker averaged 10 points, 10 rebounds and 9 assists per game this season, while Brooks led the Meteors in scoring with an average of 16 points per game. She added five steals and three assists per game.



The boys basketball program at De La Salle enjoyed a tremendous amount of success this season. The freshman Meteors were 12-6 overall and 6-1 in the Chicago Catholic League, good enough for second place. The sophomore Meteors ended their season with an overall mark of 17-2 and a perfect record of 7-0 in conference play, earning them first place in the Catholic League South.

The varsity Meteors concluded their season with a record of 24-4 overall and 7-0 in the Catholic League South, winning a second consecutive conference title. In the postseason, the Meteors defeated Fenwick to win the Catholic League championship and won the Class AA St. Patrick Regional, advancing to the

Class AA Proviso East Sectional semifinals.

As for individual accolades, senior guard Elliott Brown garnered the Tony Lawless Award, emblematic of the Catholic League's Most Valuable Player. Brown also was chosen to the Illinois High School Basketball Coaches Association's first team in all-state balloting.



Freshman forward Michael Shaw also was chosen to the IBCA's Third Team for all-state consideration, while junior guard Derek Needham earned honorable mention status from the IBCA. Both Shaw and Needham were selected to the All-Catholic League team.

Meteors head coach Tom White also reached a milestone, winning the 200th game of his career in De La Salle's victory over Luther South at the Luther South Thanksgiving Tournament.

The Meteor indoor track and field team finished second in the Catholic League Indoor Championship as senior Armand Rhone took first place in the 55 meters (6.64 seconds), 400 meters (50.64) and 200 (22.55). Rhone tied for second in the high jump with an effort of 6 feet. Teammate James Muehleman won the triple jump (41-4), while Ronald Beach was third in the long jump (19-7).

Track & Field 2008

May 16	Boys Class AA Sectionals @ Fenwick
May 16 & 17	Girls State Championships @ Eastern Illinois University
May 23 & 24	Boys State Championships @ Eastern Illinois University

Varsity Volleyball 2008

May 20	IHSA Regional vs. Bogan	7:30 p.m.	De La Salle
May 21	IHSA Regional Final	7:00 p.m.	De La Salle
May 23	IHSA Sectional Semis	7:30 p.m.	Mount Carmel
May 27	IHSA Sectional Final	7:00 p.m.	Mount Carmel
May 30 & 31	IHSA State Finals	TBA	Hoffman Estates H.S.

Girls Varsity Soccer 2008

May 14	Class AA De La Salle Regional vs. Oak Lawn	6:15 p.m.
May 16	Class AA De La Salle Regional	TBA 6 p.m.
May 20	Class AA Mother McAuley Sectional	TBA 4 p.m.
May 22	Class AA Mother McAuley Sectional	TBA 6:15 p.m.
May 26	Class AA Lemont Supersectional	TBA 7 p.m.
May 30/31	Class AA State Finals @ North Central College	TBA

Varsity Boys Football 2008

August 22	Blue-Gold Game	6 p.m.
August 29	vs. Curie	7:30 p.m.
September 5	at St. Rita	7:30 p.m.
September 13	at Hales Franciscan (at Univ. of Chicago)	7 p.m.
September 19	vs. Gordon Tech	7:30 p.m.
September 26	vs. St. Laurence	7:30 p.m.
October 3	vs. Mount Carmel	7:30 p.m.
October 10	vs. Bishop McNamara	7:30 p.m.
October 18	at St. Ignatius (at Univ. of Chicago)	7:30 p.m.
October 25	at Fenwick (at Morton H.S.)	1:00 p.m.
October 31	First Round of IHSA Playoffs	TBA
November 7	Second Round of IHSA Playoffs	TBA
November 14	IHSA State Quarterfinals	TBA
November 21	IHSA State Semifinals	TBA
November 28	IHSA State Finals (at U of I)	TBA

Boys Tennis 2008

May 19	University High Sectional	TBA
May 22-24	IHSA State Meet/District 214 Courts	TBA

DLS Holds Great Futures Inaugural Gala



On April 25, De La Salle welcomed over 200 guests to the University Club in downtown Chicago for the Great Futures Inaugural Gala. The primary purpose of the evening was to celebrate and honor the significant contributions and extraordinary leadership of Br. Michael Quirk, FSC. Brother Michael served De La Salle Institute as its president from 1989-2007 and joined De La Salle in 1983. Brother Michael is currently the CEO of Christian Brothers Services.

Attending the Great Futures Inaugural Gala was Richard M. Daley '60, Mayor of the City of Chicago. Mayor Daley, who addressed the guests, also was provided a cake as he had celebrated his birthday the day before the event. The Mayor was then treated to a spirited rendition of "Happy Birthday" by those in attendance.

In addition, the appreciable talents of two musically-inclined Meteors were also on display. Charles Heinrich, a junior at the Institute, played piano during the cocktail reception, while classmate Jeremy Joanes performed with a string ensemble during dinner.

Proceeds from the Great Futures Inaugural Gala will support the mission of De La Salle Institute and create a scholarship endowment at De La Salle Institute in the names of Frank and Theresa Quirk, the parents of Brother Michael.

De La Salle thanks everyone who attended and supported the Great Futures Inaugural Gala.



Scholarship Opportunities

Funding a scholarship is very important to us at De La Salle Institute, and particularly important to our young men and women who stand to benefit. After teachers' salaries, student financial aid is our second-largest expense. Every student, regardless of their financial or academic status, is eligible for the John Walter Clarke '12 Scholarship that provides a 20-percent discount to all families. Altogether, more than \$3.3 million in student financial assistance is awarded to De La Salle families each year.

De La Salle's scholarships fall under two basic categories: *annual and endowed*. Annual scholarship funds are established on a yearly basis at the request of the donor with a gift of \$1,500 or more. Endowed scholarship funds are designated to be held in perpetuity with investment income only to be paid out as a scholarship award. Endowments can be established with a minimum commitment of \$25,000. This amount can be paid in one lump sum or paid in annual installments for up to five years (i.e. \$5,000 per year).

For more information about funding a scholarship, please contact Iris Gist Cochran, Director of Development, at 312.842.7355 ext. 152 or cochrani@dls.org.



2008 Phonathon Raises Funds for De La Salle

With the enthusiasm and determination of 14 De La Salle students who made phone calls over a 10-night period, more than \$40,000 was raised in gifts and pledge commitments to support the school's student financial assistance program during the 2008 Phonathon.

The Meteors who participated were seniors Zachary Cline '08, Michael Coates '08, Robert Doherty '08, Ross Martinez '08, and Salvador Perales '08. The junior class was represented by Nathaniel Bowman '09, Mark Ponce '09 and Jeff Staszak '09, while Felipe Cueva '10, James Hartnett '10, Faki Mohn '10, Gary Steffenhagen '10 and Zachary White '10 represented the sophomore class. Freshman Christopher Mooney '11 also participated.

We are truly fortunate to have the generous support of alumni and friends who believe in the education of the young men and women attending De La Salle. The Phonathon is not only about asking donors for financial support, but also thanking them for caring about the school's current and future students. The student-callers did a great job for a very worthy cause.

We extend our sincere appreciation for the continued support and generosity of alumni and friends who participated in De La Salle's 2008 Phonathon. Thank you.



The Annual Fund Program

De La Salle Institute makes an annual appeal to alumni, parents and friends for funds that can be used immediately to meet the school's most essential needs and opportunities—including student financial aid, curriculum enhancement, faculty salaries and development, as well as facility maintenance. The Annual Fund allows De La Salle the flexibility to explore new opportunities and to adapt to changes in the educational environment, ultimately benefiting all of the students it serves. Culminating with gifts at the President's Club level of \$1,500 or more, all gifts to the Annual Fund are important. In fiscal year 2007, De La Salle's Annual Fund realized \$688,069 in unrestricted support. The goal for fiscal year 2008 is \$680,000. We thank our most generous contributors who support this important fund at De La Salle each year.

Make Your Gift Online!

Now you can make your gift online. Designed to make things quicker and more convenient, simply visit De La Salle Institute's website at www.dls.org and look for the gifts processing link found on the Advancement/Online Giving Tab. Follow the prompts and you are on your way to giving made simple.

Coming Up Next...

Senior Awards Night	May 19, 2008
Memorial Breakfast @ Institute Campus	May 20, 2008
Girls Graduation @ Our Lady of Sorrows	May 21, 2008
Boys Graduation @ Our Lady of Sorrows	May 22, 2008
Memorial Day	May 26, 2008
President's Club Reception	June 3, 2008
Father's Day	June 15, 2008
DLS Endowment Golf Classic @ Gleneagles CC	June 25, 2008

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends:

Today, more than ever, we have seen the importance of financial support and active participation in many charitable organizations and social agencies. De La Salle Institute, as one of the oldest and well-known secondary academic institutions, is certainly included.

The truth is that as long as we feel our mission of education is important, there will be a need for financial support and personal involvement in order to keep the mission strong. Whether in time as a volunteer, in talent as a committee member or board member, or in treasure as a financial supporter, together our combined efforts continue to produce enormous dividends for the students entrusted to our care.

Your generosity of time and money provides De La Salle with the necessary practical encouragement so that the young men and women will be provided with an exceptional educational opportunity with a positive effect on society as a whole. It is truly inspiring to know that so many alumni, parents and friends value our mission and welcome the chance to give back—to preserve and enhance the experience that began more than 118 years ago.

When you consider that we communicate annually with more than 15,000 alumni, parents and friends, it's quite obvious that only a few are doing the job of many. We thank you for believing in our mission and hope that you will give your best gift to De La Salle this year. We would also love to see our campus events crowded with alumni and friends. Tell everyone you know that De La Salle Institute is the place where great futures begin.

You remain an important part of the De La Salle family. Thank you again for all you do for our students.

Sincerely,



Iris Gist Cochran
Director of Development



New Addition to Office for Advancement Staff

Lisa Andersson has joined De La Salle Institute's Office for Institutional Advancement as the Special Events Manager. Lisa comes with a great deal of experience in event planning, graphic design and marketing. Her most recent position was Development Coordinator at Easter Seals. We are delighted to have Lisa as part of our team. Lisa's e-mail address is anderssonl@dls.org and her phone number is (312) 842-7355 ext. 146.

Welcome to the Institute, Lisa!



Corporate Matching Gifts

By their individual gifts, alumni and friends secure important funds for De La Salle Institute. Last year, matching gifts increased donor contributions by more than \$56,000 in additional support. Many companies offer matching gift programs to encourage their employees to contribute to a favorite charity. You can double or even triple the value of your gift if your employer or your spouse's employer participates in a matching gift program. Many programs also match gifts made by their retired employees. Please contact the Human Resource office at your or your spouse's place of employment concerning the availability of a matching gifts program. They will provide you with a form to apply for a matching gift. Fill out your portion of the form and send it with your gift to De La Salle. We will do the rest.

Remember De La Salle in Your Estate Plans

Help yourself, your family and De La Salle Institute by visiting our planned giving website at www.dls.org and clicking on the planned giving page. We welcome all inquiries about planned gifts. While we receive numerous contributions throughout the year—all of which are significant and meaningful—the planned gift has extra special meaning and significance, as it is truly the ultimate expression of confidence and trust in our mission of education.

For additional information, please contact Iris Gist Cochran, Director of Development, at 312.842.7355 ext. 152 or cochrani@dls.org.

1942

Leo and Esther Moloney recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. The Moloneys reside in Bella Vista, AR along with their four sons. They also have three daughters living in Evanston, IL, Princeton, IL and Clearwater, FL. Leo is retired from Willett Company where he was Service Manager in the Heavy Equipment Division. The Moloneys can be contacted at leomoloney@cox.net.

1954

William Noviskis resides in Glen Ellyn, IL.

1957

Dan Dryan retired from the hospital industry in 2003 and worked as a consultant until 2005. Dryan, who resides in Morristown, TN, came back for the 50th anniversary in 2007.

He and his wife celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on March 14. Congratulations to the Dryan family. They can be contacted at ddryan5845@charter.net.

De La Salle Institute extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the following De La Salle and Lourdes alumni and friends who have recently passed away:

<i>Andrew J. McKenna</i>	<i>1916</i>
<i>Morgan C. Muench</i>	<i>1928</i>
<i>Francis N. Mayer</i>	<i>1930</i>
<i>Patrick J. Quinn</i>	<i>1932</i>
<i>John A. Campbell</i>	<i>1933</i>
<i>William M. Doyle</i>	<i>1934</i>
<i>Joseph E. Dub</i>	<i>1938</i>
<i>Edward T. Beattie</i>	<i>1940</i>
<i>Harry A. Clingen</i>	<i>1940</i>
<i>George E. McGuire</i>	<i>1940</i>
<i>Martin Michuda</i>	<i>1940</i>
<i>James F. Sullivan</i>	<i>1943</i>
<i>James O. Keller</i>	<i>1945</i>
<i>Michael J. Dunn</i>	<i>1948</i>
<i>Edward P. Grant</i>	<i>1949</i>
<i>Roman M. Kosinski</i>	<i>1950</i>
<i>Louis P. Scalise</i>	<i>1950</i>
<i>Wesley J. Brazas</i>	<i>1953</i>
<i>James M. Janiak</i>	<i>1955</i>
<i>Carlton P. Brown</i>	<i>1958</i>
<i>Patrick J. O'Dea</i>	<i>1963</i>
<i>Mark R. Byrd</i>	<i>1974</i>
<i>Patrick T. Haynes</i>	<i>1974</i>
<i>Sterling D. Tharp</i>	<i>1993</i>
<i>James Moriarity</i>	<i>1995</i>

1960

Albert Fournier retired as a police captain for the Skokie (IL) Police Department. He currently lives in Kimberling City, MO and can be contacted at alk16@yahoo.com.

1964

Thomas Jarecki is employed in the banking/trading industry and lives in Aurora, IL. His e-mail address is tjarecki@gtcp.net.

1968

Daniel Gallivan lives in Falmouth, ME and is employed as a Director of Circulation. He can be contacted at gall822@aol.com.

1969

Dr. Leonard Long is a legal instructor at Quinnipiac University's School of Law in Hamden, CT. His e-mail address is Leonard.long@quinnipiac.edu.

Harry Roberts can be reached at robertshj@yahoo.com.

1972

William Galka Jr. resides in Chicago and is working in the logistics industry as a router and supervisor. His e-mail address is jr3912@sbcglobal.net.

Richard Kowalczyk works for the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum as the chief of the preservation and restoration shop. Kowalczyk, who resides in Burke, VA, can be contacted at richk@patriot.net or kowalczykr@si.edu.

Terry Shinnick lives in Oak Lawn, IL and is working in public transportation in the information technology area. His e-mail address is tshinnick@transitchicago.com.

1973

Kevin Bruton is a mortgage banker and resides in Shorewood, IL. His e-mail addresses are brut3924@yahoo.com and kbruton20@hotmail.com.

1974

Donald Fulara resides in Melrose Park, IL.

Ray A. Kutz is a piper in the St. Andrew's Society of Central Illinois Pipes and Drums in Springfield and a Highland Dancer in St. Andrew's Society Celtic Dancers. For a living, Kutz is an electro-mechanical technician with Danka Office Imaging. He is married with three grown children and lives in Rochester, IL, a town near Springfield. You can e-mail him at

sox20@juno.com.

1978

Frank Tassone lives in Rubideax, CA. His e-mail address is vinvergor@yahoo.com.

1979

John Rak was honored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Archdiocese of Chicago as he was awarded the Saint George Emblem. The Saint George Emblem of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting is awarded by the Archdiocese of Chicago to recognize those individuals who make outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Congratulations, John!

1980

Jim Finucane lives in Downers Grove, IL and works as a dispatcher in the crane rental industry. He may be contacted at jim@gatwoodcrane.com.

Eddie Mathis resides in Phoenix, AZ and is employed in the financial services as an information technology manager. Contact Mathis at eqmjr@hotmail.com.

Frank Ornelas let us know that his family is opening a Pepe's Mexican Restaurant in Evergreen Plaza in Evergreen Park, IL. His brother, Ruben '83, and their father, Francisco, are the owners. Please inform all Meteors that they are welcome anytime. Contact Frank Ornelas at ornelasfrank@aol.com.

1981

Darren Hicks works in the information technology field as a programmer and analyst. He resides in Decatur, GA and may be reached at dlawhicks@aol.com or Darren.Hicks@equifax.com.

Jim O'Donnell and his family call Lockport, IL home. O'Donnell works in the manufacturing industry as a manager.

1982

Tony Waller retired after 23 years of service in the United States Navy. He is currently working as a DHS/UCC/ Contractor and Technical Training Specialist. Waller resides with his wife and family in Rohnert Park, CA.

1983

The Honorable Michael J. Chmiel is working as a judge and resides in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. His e-mail address is chmielmike@aol.com.

1988

Jerry Armstrong lives in Indianapolis and is working in the transportation industry as a supervisor for Roadway Express. His e-mail addresses are jerry.armstrong@hotmail.com and jerry.armstrong@roadway.com.

Robert Olson lives in Chicago and is employed as a detective. His e-mail address is southsideshrimp@yahoo.com.

1989

Avery Tate is employed as a social worker and lives in Chicago. His e-mail addresses are tateavery@yahoo.com and avery.tate@gmail.com.

1990

Robert Montgomery Jr. and his family call Godley, IL home.

1991

Bill Fuhry and his wife, Terrie, became the proud parents of Jacob, born on March 10 at 9:45 a.m. Jacob weighed in at 9 lbs. 9 oz. and was 22 inches in length. Fuhry can be contacted at billyf65@hotmail.com. Congratulations to the Fuhry family.

Kordell Kitching is a police officer and lives in Montgomery, IL. His e-mail address is designmeone2@comcast.net.

Jay Parekh has been working in the information technology field as an IT consultant for Project Leadership Associates since 1998. He resides in Chicago.

1992

Richard Ramirez and his wife have four children and reside in Chicago.

1993

Fernando Lobato Sr., the father of Fernando Lobato Jr. and Alberto Lobato '94, recently passed away after a battle with cancer. De La Salle offers the Lobato family its thoughts and prayers in the memory of Mr. Lobato Sr. Fernando Lobato's e-mail address is fernies54@gmail.com.

Alan Maynie resides in Chicago and is working in the wealth management

industry. Reach him at amaynie@sbcglobal.net.

Charles Townsend is a senior mortgage consultant and lives in Chicago. His e-mail addresses are chastownsend@yahoo.com and chastownsend@hotmail.com.

1994

Arthur Parra Jr. is a Gunnery Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and resides in Washington, DC. His e-mail address is arthur.parra@usmc.mil.

Kevin Schaefer is employed in the finance/lending field as a commercial lender. He resides in Naperville, IL and can be reached at kschaefer@mfresources.com.

1996

Eryk Kaminski is an information security specialist and lives in Evergreen Park, IL. His e-mail address is e.kaminski@sxu.edu.

Michael Quinlan lives in Chicago and works for Walsh Construction in the field operations management industry.

1997

Anthony Kustwan works in the information technology field as a systems administrator and resides in New Lenox, IL. His e-mail address is kustwan@comcast.net.

1998

Neil Moore is employed in the bioscience field as a lab technician. He calls Olathe, KS home and can be reached at nemo238@hotmail.com.

2000

Jon Overton is working in the field of education as an administrator. He may be contacted at jon.overton@gmail.com.

Bob Sowa is employed in the sales industry and resides with his wife, Tara, and their daughter, Ava, in Scottsdale, AZ. Contact Sowa at robertpsowa@gmail.com.

2001

Christopher Mitchell is working in the logistics industry in corporate billing. He resides in Chicago and his e-mail address is eonupe7@hotmail.com.

2002

Hugh Sullivan is employed in the newspaper industry as a videographer for the Decatur (IL) Herald-Review. Sullivan produces all video content for the Herald-

Review's website, www.herald-review.com. Contact him at hughmsullivan@yahoo.com or hsullivan@herald-review.com.

2004

Tim Kelleher is a senior at Centenary College in Louisiana. He is majoring in accounting and pitching on the Gentlemen's baseball team. Centenary is the smallest Division I school in the country. After graduating, Kelleher will attend the University of Notre Dame this fall as he pursues a Master's Degree in accountancy. His e-mail address is tkellehe@centenary.edu.

Karina Moreno resides in Chicago with her husband, Sergio, and their daughter, Alexis. Moreno is a student and can be reached at karina0286@yahoo.com.

2005

Joseph McCullough is employed in the pharmacy industry and lives in Missouri City, TX. His e-mail address is joe.mccullough.08@gmail.com.

Chuck Munley is working for the Central Stickney (IL) Fire Department, as well as Southwest Airlines. He lives in Chicago and may be reached at leprechaunman05@aol.com.

2006

Sam Scumaci is a musician, has his own solo act and performs at various venues. For more information on Scumaci's music, visit his webpage at www.myspace.com/samscumaci.

2007

Gonzalo Carrillo lives in Chicago. He can be contacted at carrillolabel@hotmail.com.

Keep In Touch

De La Salle Institute invites all alumni of De La Salle and Lourdes to please keep in touch with our alumni office. If you are interested in attending any alumni events or would like to know what's new, please contact Lisa Andersson, De La Salle's Special Events Manager, at 312.842.7355 ext. 146 or anderssonl@dls.org. Our doors are always open and we hope you will come and witness the miracles happening on both of our campuses.

Lourdes Newsnotes

1976

Carla Rodgers (Beck) lives in Chicago with her husband, Robert, and their family. Rodgers is working as a legal assistant and can be reached at rrcr91@sbcglobal.net.

1980

Anna Marie Fox (Coyle) lives in Chicago and is a police officer. Her e-mail address is foxalina1@aol.com.

1987

Linda Lawton (Leamon) resides in Pinellas Park, FL. Her e-mail address is linda_lawton@yahoo.com.

Susan Skupien and her husband, Steve, live in Frankfort, IL with their three children. She can be contacted at skoops5@sbcglobal.net.

1988

Michelle Vilcek (Nawracaj) and her husband, Gary, live in Plainfield, IL with their four children. Vilcek's e-mail address is mvilcek@sbcglobal.net.

1989

Kerry O'Donohue (Kelly) lives in Midlothian, IL with her husband and works as a receptionist at St. Damian Parish in Oak Forest, IL. Her e-mail address is FLATHILLS9@aol.com.

1996

Elisabeth Favela (Mendoza) lives in Chicago. Her e-mail address is Elisabeth.favela@gmail.com.

1998

Patti Dyjak (Weyer) is working as a legal secretary and resides in Chicago with her family. Dyjak's e-mail address is mpmvc03@sbcglobal.net.

Melissa Roman (Allaire) lives in Seneca, IL with her family and is employed as a store manager. She can be reached at dadsrrat@aol.com.

2001

Maria Gaitan is an office manager in the substance abuse industry. She resides in Chicago and may be reached at sweetmaria24@yahoo.com or vaelvina@yahoo.com.

2002

Carmen Delgado lives in Chicago. Her e-mail address is tjbear812@yahoo.com.

Sr. Ann Mary (continued from page 4)

deep reverence for the (Catholic) Church and they believed that working was good and that you should give back to the community. They had strong values.

4. What makes De La Salle special?

This is an opportunity for service and to be able to walk with young women in the very formative years of their lives. You don't see that if you're working at other institutions. Also, there's a sense of mission. We're all aware of St. John Baptist De La Salle and the Catholic values that we're able to instill.

5. How do you feel about working in the Dean's Office?

It's never boring. You see the young women experience so many things and the challenging times for them. You see the struggles they have and it's interesting. There is no dullness.

6. It's common knowledge that you are a Notre Dame fan. Why the Irish?

My brother-in-law is a graduate from Notre Dame and we've been able to go to (football) games. It gives you an outlet and a broader perspective. I like football the best because you have the defense and offense and one error can cause things to change course.

7. What's the best advice someone has given you?

It happened during a retreat and it was the perspective that nothing will happen that you can't handle. I have found this to be particularly true and that has carried me through things like three cancer surgeries and the closing of Lourdes; I was there 25 years.

There have been some painful times, but God won't give you more than you can handle.

8. Name three people you would like to have dinner with and why?

I really don't know—maybe St. Francis of Assisi. I have a variety of interests and I enjoyed everybody I've had dinner with.

9. What do you like best about the young women of De La Salle?

I like their spontaneity. They're refreshing. They have such a zest for life. You see them at the best years of their lives. It's a blessing and a gift to be with them at this time in their lives.

10. Who are your favorite authors and books and why?

I like John Grisham and Mary Higgins Clark. I like to read mysteries and to watch them on TV, too. I also like historical books, too, so that you can see how the founders got themselves started.



Tolton Update

The Tolton Adult Literacy Center is an adult-education program that provides employability skills, family literacy and child services in low-income communities in the Chicagoland area, without fee. Serving approximately 800 people a year from various backgrounds, Tolton has been recognized as a leader in adult education at local, state and national levels.

The Tolton strategy is to empower poverty level adults through academic achievement. This strategy recognizes that breaking the illiteracy cycle must begin with the adult who is the center of the family and community structure.

Tolton's mission is to provide excellent alternative adult education experiences within a caring community where "everyone teaches and everyone learns." Fr. Augustus Tolton, for whom the Tolton Adult Literacy Center is

named, was the first African-American priest in the United States. He overcame many hardships to have a great impact on the lives of many disadvantaged people.

Among the programs the Tolton Adult Literacy Center offers include:

- G.E.D., Pre-G.E.D., Basic Skills and Literacy
- Employability
- Child Services
- Family Literacy
- English as a Second Language (ESL)

Founded by De La Salle Institute in 1991, Tolton has grown over the years. In 1998, a partnership with Chicago Public Libraries led to the development of two Tolton sites: One

located on Chicago's South Side at the Chicago Bee Branch Library, located at 3647 S. State and a second site on Chicago's West Side at the Henry Legler Library, located at 115 S. Pulaski. A third site is also located on the West Side within the Alain Locke Charter Academy at 3141 W. Jackson. There are also two Tolton sites on the Southwest Side at the Chicago Toman Branch Library at 2708 S. Pulaski and Our Lady of Tepeyac School at 2230 S. Whipple.

For more information about the Tolton Adult Literacy Center, please contact De La Salle Executive Vice President Lawrence Blakley '83 at (312) 842-7355 ext. 142 or blakleyl@dls.org or De La Salle Director of Adult Education Susan Perez at (312) 746-7744.

Giving from the Heart

One of the components forming the strong foundation of De La Salle's Tolton Adult Literacy Center is the group of committed and talented volunteers who provide their skill and time with the primary purpose of benefiting others.

Here are the stories of two wonderfully caring and gifted people—Marge Cribben and Bob Mathis—who have made and continue to make significant contributions to the overall success of Tolton.

Over 40 years as a teacher, Marge Cribben worked in classrooms in locales such as Washington, DC, Hailthorp, MD, Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne, IN. Closer to home, Cribben spent 30 years in the Chicago Public Schools, while also educating students at St. Francis Borgia, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Mark and St. Mel.

After all those years spent teaching young women and men about reading, writing and arithmetic, Cribben retired and was looking forward to spending time pursuing one of her passions, crossword puzzles.

However, after a couple of years away from the classroom, Cribben received an



invitation to teach English as a Second Language courses at Tolton's Toman Center branch in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood.

"I knew (De La Salle Director of Adult Education) Sue (Perez) from St. Mel's

and I knew (Tolton's) work because I was involved in little ways, giving them books and giving some small ideas," Cribben said. "I was always interested in Sue's work with adult literacy. She asked me to come to Toman to work and I said yes."

Three years and one acceptance later, Cribben continues doing something that “I really love.”

Toman’s ESL students are divided into three groups—beginners, medium and advanced. Cribben works primarily with beginners, introducing them to proper computer usage.

“It’s just a wonderful program for adults and children because they come together,” Cribben said. “The parents bring their children with them and they’re all a part of the program.

“I’ve made some good friends and we get to know them personally. We celebrate birthdays and everything. It’s just a wonderful program. The teachers take interest in the pupils and everyone teaches and everyone learns at Tolton.

“The biggest thing is the connectedness with the students. They’re not afraid to talk about their family or talk about their problems. In fact, two people got their U.S. citizenship this year and we celebrated that.”

As for her future as a volunteer, Cribben hopes to be part of the Tolton program for another 5-6 years.

“I’ll do this as long as they’ll have me or I see that I can’t do it anymore,” Cribben said. “I’ll talk to a stick if it’ll listen.

“The most rewarding part of teaching at Tolton is when you see a child’s face light up and they can say, ‘Ah. I get it.’ I’ve taught English, art, everything. I’ve made friends all the way along and that’s been a good thing.”

Another of the many ‘good things’ at Tolton has been the presence of Bob Mathis. Mathis, who has spent the last four years at Tolton’s Legler Branch, does counseling work, while also assisting his wife, Lynn, in helping her students with reading and other critical tasks.

“The most rewarding thing is being able to help,” Mathis said. “You hear stories and I’ve given a lot of advice and it seems to work out for myself and the people I talk to. It’s great to offer advice to someone and it turns out to be just fine for them.”



Mathis certainly has a vast amount of knowledge from which to draw when dispensing advice. He began working in education in the Chicago Public Schools in 1970 as a teacher’s aide and was then promoted to instructional aide. In addition, Mathis also dealt with disciplinary cases while also coaching track and field and basketball.

“I always say the Good Lord must have a funny sense of humor because I didn’t like school,” Mathis said. “I was working on the railroad and I had a great job, but I lost it. Then the Lord said, ‘You’re going to work with children.’ I’ve met some wonderful people and it’s been great getting to know people.

“People remember me and I tell them that I never forget my babies. This has been the most rewarding thing for me. You spend the money, but you can’t spend all you get from having great people around you. We have a beautiful staff and everyone teaches and everyone learns.

“Everyone pitches in to help and I think that’s a great thing.”

As Director of Adult Education at De La Salle, Perez is able to see firsthand the depth of the impact that volunteers like Cribbens and Mathis have on Tolton’s students.

“They both are really dedicated and special people,” Perez said. “I’ve known both

of them for years as members of the St. Giles Faith Community and they’ve been supportive of us. The work of Tolton has become the work of the community. A lot of our staff people were once volunteers. They’re just a special group of people.

“Bob and Marge are typical of the lay-based community who understand the value of education. They want to share their knowledge and love of education. They have ties to the West Side (of Chicago). Bob has so many ties to the West Side and the students and children love Marge. The kids feel her goodness and holiness. It’s something you can feel and touch; it’s tangible.

“Our volunteers are just incredible. The work we do is not our own. They just come to help and we welcome them. They help the programs and the students thrive.”

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2008 ENDOWMENT GOLF CLASSIC

When: June 25, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Where: Gleneagles
Country Club
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Lemont, IL 60439



Calling all alumni: The cost for this year's outing will be \$150 and will include 18 holes of golf & cart, breakfast, lunch, dinner, & open bar

For more information, contact De La Salle at 312.842.7355

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